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1. Events of September 11 and the Aftermath
2. Chemical Accidents from Electric Power Outages

1. Information related to the events and aftermath of September 11,
including EPA response activities and public messages are posted at
<http://www.epa.gov/>

2. EPA is issuing a Safety Alert to raise awareness about chemical
accidents that have been triggered by power outages and restarts.
Power outages are often caused by weather, accidents at power
generating stations or involving transmission lines, or because of
rolling blackouts due to power demand or supply shortages.
Facilities that handle hazardous chemicals need to ensure that their
processes reach a safe condition when power is interrupted, even
for a brief period, and to ensure that processes remain secure when
power is restored. This Alert discusses these issues and offers some
ways to identify problems and tips to address them.

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